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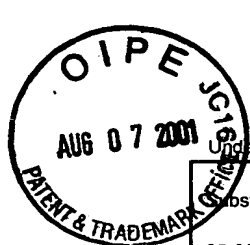
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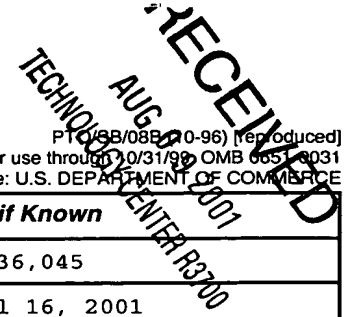
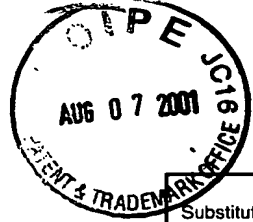
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Sc		Exhibit 1: Four photos of a prior art case of Rehrig Pacific Company, Model No. PLBC-8-2L-PET-QD (1984)	
1		Exhibit 2: Two photos of a prior art case of Rehrig Pacific Company for 3 liter PET bottles (1990)	
1		Exhibit 3: Two photos of a prior art case of D.W. Plastics (Date unknown)	
Sc		Exhibit 4: Two photos of a prior art case of International Container Systems, Inc. for 3 liter PET bottles (Date unknown)	

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